

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
DEPARTMENT POLICIES**

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**SUBJECT:** Hardship Assistance Grant - Dental

**POLICY NO:**  
431

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**DISTRIBUTION:** Department Personnel  
Veteran Service Officers

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- 1) Defined: Dental procedures addressing pain or repair
- 2) Annual funding limit: \$2,000
- 3) Interval of grant: One per calendar year
- 4) Covered procedures:
  - a. Procedures addressing pain or emergent need
  - b. Estimate for dentures
  - c. Procedures in preparation for dentures
  - d. Non-surgical gum disease treatment
- 5) Non-Covered procedures/limitations:
  - a. Preventative maintenance procedures such as routine annual exam and cleaning will not be covered if there is no specific medical reason to be seen.
  - b. Purely cosmetic.
  - c. Gum disease treatment not intended for denture preparation is limited to once every 3 years.
- 6) Exception:
  - a. Total dental procedures exceeding the total annual dental funding limit per applicant may be included in one grant providing that:
    - i. Total dental grant amount is limited to the annual limit for two years
    - ii. Applicants' total grants approved shall not exceed annual policy 403 limit for two years
      1. Utilizing this exception exhausts all dental grant eligibility for current and following calendar years
    - iii. Sufficient PWTF interest earnings are available